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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

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Delete the current abstract and replace therewith the attached substitute abstract.

Electronic An electronic equipment has a plurality of electronic units working in cooperation and verifies the compatibility between entire electronic units having different version data. A first electronic unit has a first version data of the first electronic unit itself and a first support version data of the opposite (second) a second electronic unit being supported by the first electronic unit. A second electronic unit has a second version data of the electronic unit itself, and a second support version data of the opposite (first) first electronic unit being supported by the second electronic unit. Either one of the electronic [[unit]] units verifies the compatibility between the plurality of electronic units by comparing the first version data with the second support version data, and also by comparing the second version data with the first support version data.

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